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## Mission status

(As of Dec. 5)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)

	+ .9
	- 3.12
	- 2.6

### Fiscal Year 2000 statistics

--Sorties flown: 11,561  
--Hours flown: 17,319.4  
--Pilot wings earned in FY 00: 45  
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,753

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# Laughlin welcomes new wing commander

By Staff Sgt.  
Reginal Woodruff

Public affairs

**C**ol. Jack B. Egginton assumed command of the 47th Flying Training Wing in a ceremony here Tuesday.

Before coming to Laughlin, Egginton served as commander of the 48th Operations Group, 48th Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, England. The colonel began his career here nearly 23 years ago, when he entered and completed undergraduate pilot training and became an instructor pilot shortly afterwards.

The new wing commander earned his commission in 1977 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Utah Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is also a distinguished graduate of the T-38 instructor pilot training program at Randolph AFB, Texas and the F-16 replacement training unit, receiving the Commander's Trophy.

Egginton has been a squadron and wing weapons officer and his assignments include instructor at the USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. He later



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, delivers a speech at his change of command ceremony Tuesday.

served at the Pentagon as chief of strategy and chief of force applications for CHECKMATE

Division, Directorate of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff Plans and Operation, Headquar-

ters USAF and then as military assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1998, Col. Egginton received a national security fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk, 19th Air Force commander, who presided over the change of command, described Col. Egginton as a person who exudes excellence. Polk assured the audience of airmen, civil service workers and citizens of Del Rio that under Egginton's command Laughlin will continue to meet its mission and foster the relationship that exists between the base and the community.

"I pledge my total commitment to Laughlin," said Egginton during his acceptance of command. "The military and civilians here form a team that will allow Laughlin to continue training the world's best pilots and mold them into the air warriors that will fight and win our Nation's wars."

Egginton succeeds Col. Winfield W. Scott, who has been reassigned to Scott AFB, Ill. where he will be Air Mobility Command's inspector general.

## DoD further slows anthrax vaccination effort

The Department of Defense will further slow its anthrax vaccine immunization program. This action is consistent with DoD's previously announced plan to do so if the vaccine supply was not increased by year's end. This further slowing reduces vaccinations in all theaters except Southwest Asia.

This move is necessary to conserve the available supply while protecting those at greatest risk and maintaining a contingency reserve for unexpected domestic or terrorist requirements, program officials said.

A full resumption of the vaccination effort will begin when a sufficient supply of Food

and Drug Administration-approved and certified vaccine is available next year.

Anthrax remains the top biological warfare threat to U.S. troops and vaccination is the safest, most reliable way to protect service members from a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected, untreated individuals, officials said.

More than 495,000 service members have started their vaccinations and nearly 2 million vaccinations have been given. While progress continues to be made in the re-licensing effort at Bioprotect, it is unlikely that production will resume in time to allow maintaining a contin-

gency reserve without the additional slowdown, officials said.

"We are now focusing our vaccination efforts on those members serving in areas deemed to be at greatest risk, and that is Southwest Asia," Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, senior advisor to the deputy secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological Protection, said. "We take this action to responsibly manage our limited supply of anthrax vaccine while we continue our efforts toward FDA licensing of the anthrax vaccine production facility and resumed vaccine production."

(Courtesy AFNEWS)

# Commanders' Corner

## Today's leadership style dates back to Old Testament

By Lt. Col. E. Yancey Walker

47th Medical Support Squadron

Whether one is a Fortune 500 company executive, a commander, a maintenance crew chief, an NCOIC, or a civic/church leader, there are enduring leadership principles and characteristics which are critical to effective leadership in the 21st century. Moses, deemed by many as the greatest human leader of all time, demonstrated the following principles and characteristics: faithfulness, boldness, courage, obedience, initiative, vision, team-building, persuading, motivating, empowering, trustworthiness, integrity, humbleness, selflessness, sensitivity, kindness, compassion, mercy, empathy, intelligence, teaching, listening, learning, energy, determination, encouragement, commitment and succession planning/preparation.

The starting point for effective leadership is to seek and listen to God's direction for leading people. Then we must have faith, be bold, have courage, obey His instructions, and take the initiative. He will help us accomplish our responsibilities as leaders.

Leaders like Moses, who freed two million Hebrews from slavery and Raoul Wallenberg, credited for saving

close to 100,000 Hungarian Jews from Nazi death camps during World War II, had tremendous faith and continuously displayed incredible courage in the face of personal danger or even certain death.

The key responsibility of the leader is to establish the vision and serve as the change agent in moving the organization and its people to reach the vision and accomplish the mission.

Moses' vision from God was to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt to the Promised Land (Caanan). Realizing the vision can be achieved through team-building and persuading, motivating and empowering people. Moses relied on his team to reach the vision.

Jethro, his father-in-law, taught him about shepherding and delegation; Aaron, his brother, was his spokesman to Pharaoh; Bezalel, the master craftsman, built the tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant; and Joshua completed the mission of leading the Hebrew people into the Promised Land.

People are our most important resource. As leaders, we need to establish trust with those with whom we

work and demonstrate integrity in all we do. Moses had to build trust with almost two million Hebrews to convince them to leave familiar surroundings in Egypt and head for an unknown distant land. Former Secretary of the Air Force, Sheila Widnall, indicates integrity is "the inner voice, the source of self-control, the basis for the trust that is imperative in today's military organization."

We need to be humble and act in a selfless and sensitive manner, showing kindness, compassion, mercy and empathy toward others; the essence of the Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Moses demonstrated these characteristics when he rescued the Midianite girls from the shepherds at the well and watered their flocks.

Leaders' must continuously boost their intelligence by seeking and relying on a continuum of knowledge gained through teaching, listening to and learning from superiors, followers and collaborators. Moses learned much from God, Jethro, Aaron and his own mistakes and was always teaching as he carried out God's commission. Retired Air Force General Perry Smith highlights that leaders willing to grow, learn, listen, acknowledge mistakes, teach subordinates, set goals, and maintain

high standards will lead their organizations to unimaginable heights.

The leader needs to act with energy, determination, encouragement and commitment to realize the long-term vision.

The leader must continuously encourage and communicate excitement about the dream to gain the commitment of others.

Leaders are also responsible for future leadership and need to identify, develop

and nurture future leaders. To ensure the long-term vision, mission and goals are reached (like the Promised Land), today's leaders (as Moses) need a to have a succession plan and prepare future leaders (like Joshua) to be their successors.

In summary, Moses did not have the benefit of

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## Air Force chief of staff discusses health care benefits

By Gen. Michael E. Ryan

Air Force chief of staff

Earlier this fall, I wrote an article for several retiree publications to express our full support for health care benefits for our Medicare-eligible retirees. I want to give you an update on the results of our efforts on Capitol Hill. The Fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act di-

rectly reflects the hard work and dedication of many senior leaders in Department of Defense Health Affairs, the Services, Congress and our retiree community to push for and obtain these benefits.

Let me share a few of the highlights.

Effective Oct. 1, 2001, Medicare-eligible military retirees enrolled in Medicare Part B will be authorized military health

care as full Tricare participants. This is a permanent entitlement resulting in military health care for life. For those retirees who don't have access to military facilities for their health care, Tricare will act as a "Medigap" type insurance to cover co-pays and costs not covered by Medicare.

Military retirees over age 65 will

have a multiple-option prescription drug benefit, effective April 1. They will have access to retail pharmacies, both those in the Tricare network and those that are not. Though costs vary, the maximum expense will be a \$150 deductible and a 25 percent co-pay of the cost of the prescription. Seniors will also have access to

**See 'Benefits,' page 5**

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– 47 FTW motto

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Santa comes to town

Luana Shafer, 8, daughter of Maj. Alan Shafer, 47th Operations Support Squadron, tells Santa what she wants for Christmas during his annual trip to Laughlin Sunday. Santa didn't arrive on his sleigh, however, but made the trip in one of Laughlin's own T-38s.

## Drinking and driving a bad combination

By Sharon K. Reeves

47 FTW safety office

"YOU DRINK AND DRIVE – YOU LOSE" is the theme for this year's National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, observed annually in December.

A part of this campaign is Dec. 15 when drivers are encouraged to drive with their vehicle's headlights turned on during the day to remember those killed and injured by impaired drivers.

Each year, nearly 16,000 people are killed, more than 305,000 are injured and 1.5 million people are arrested because of drunk and drugged driving. Designating sober drivers is a method for removing impaired drivers from our roadways.

During the holiday period, the Texas Highway Patrol and Del Rio Police will increase their patrols to stop drivers who appear to be driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

They will be supporting the Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" campaign, along with the National Drunk and Drugged Prevention Month Coalition, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Operation C.A.R.E., and other national organizations.

All are working to increase safety on our roads and highways during the holidays.

Do your part to help them: if you drink, don't drive.

## Safety belts save lives – so buckle up!

## Fire rips through missile alert facility

The two-person Air Force missile crew that remained on alert in the underground launch control center during and after a fire destroyed the ground-level missile alert facility at Minot AFB, N.D. has accomplished a normal crew change.

The departing crew relinquished control of the missiles to the relief crew, Nov. 30, and is reported in excellent condition. Base medical officials, as a precaution, examined the missileers.

Fire fighters from the Plaza, N.D. fire department responded to the fire within minutes, but it was out of control when they arrived. Fire crews from Parshall, Stanley, Ryder-Makoti and Minot AFB also immediately responded to the scene.

Thirteen active-duty members were in the topside facility when the fire began. All were safely evacuated with no injuries.

People at all missile alert facilities train continuously for situations like this and were able to follow well-established procedures to remain safe and secure, noted officials.

The missile crew, working approximately 65 feet below the missile alert facility, became self-contained in the launch control center after they closed the blast doors due to the fire. The crewmembers continued to carry out their normal duties of monitoring the 10 Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles under their direct control.

If required, the missileers can remain underground for several days using their own air, water, food and power supply. Control of the missiles can be transferred to another LCC if necessary.

Positive control of the ICBMs was maintained throughout the incident because launch control officers train daily to work in contingency conditions such as these.

There has been no degradation to national security, said officials.

"All weapons systems are safe and secure," said Col. Kim McKenzie, 91st Space Wing commander at Minot AFB. "Due to the support of North Dakota communities this situation was resolved quickly. And the outstanding men and women serving in our Air Force today continue with operations as normal."

Local fire officials have declared the area safe, and local and Air Force personnel will continue investigating the cause of the fire.

(Courtesy AFNEWS)

## Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your in-

quiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



Col. Jack Egginton  
47 FTW commander

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Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
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Inspector General	298-5638
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Public Affairs	298-5988
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# Son's commitment inspires father to rejoin Air Force

**Airman 1st Class  
Vincent Tufariello**

*17th Training Wing Public Affairs*

A public affairs reservist with the 302nd Airlift Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., rejoined the Air Force Reserve just eight weeks ago, but he still outranks his son, an imagery analysis student here who has been in the service for three months.

Senior Airman Tom Kimball came back in the Air Force Oct. 4, just five days after he witnessed his son, Airman Ben Kimball, graduate from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Though he's 44 years old and the president of a successful multimedia production company, Ben's commitment inspired him to give back to an organization that helped him many years ago.

During the nine-month period Kimball's son was in the delayed enlistment program, Tom started to tell Ben all of his stories about boot camp and his

experiences in Europe.

"I hadn't realized, until I started conveying these stories to (Ben), how important those four years of my life were," Tom said. "So, I got to thinking 'I wonder if I can get back in?'"

Tom initially enlisted in November 1979 when he was bored with college and didn't want to wait to get his degree. He wanted to travel but didn't want to pay for it, and he wanted to learn something that was going to be immediately useful to him. With the influence of a few family members who were serving in the military, he opted to join the Air Force.

The elder Kimball spent most of his enlistment at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, with the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing. Ben was born there in 1982. After Tom's enlistment was up, he separated and started freelancing in fields similar to public affairs such as public speaking, theater, and on-camera activities like movies, commercials and more. Eventually,

Tom began producing and writing commercials. This slowly evolved into Tom's current production company, the Light Group. Tom attributes much of his success to a foundation that was laid a long time ago. His motivation for joining the Air Force is a bit different today than it was in 1979.

"I'm not in it for the money. I'm in it to serve," Tom said. "My business is successful because of my Air Force foundation. Generally speaking, people of my experience don't come back in. What I could do, perhaps, is set a trend and get people to return to the service and give back a little."

And Tom is giving back in more ways than one. In a way, he's giving a human being. Ben was initially going to enlist in the Army until his father urged him to check out the Air Force to see what it had to offer. Ben noticed the two services' benefits were similar, but was drawn to the different career opportunities that were Air Force-specific.

"The Air Force is a big part of my life right now," Ben said. "I feel, in a way, that the Air Force is serving me because it's paying for me to go to school, and I love every minute of it."

Just as Ben is enjoying the Air Force today, so did Tom almost two decades ago. Tom said he is filled with nostalgia to see



(Courtesy photo)

Air Force Reservist Senior Airman Tom Kimball gets a hand straightening his tie from his son Airman Ben Kimball. Though he is 44 years old and the president of a successful multimedia production company, Ben's commitment to the Air Force inspired the elder Kimball to rejoin the Air Force to give back to an organization that helped him many years ago.

his son growing into a man and sharing experiences he had in the past.

"To see (Ben) make such a significant change since he left in a pair of blue jeans and T-shirt to standing tall and marching makes me very proud," Tom said. "When I saw him at basic training, I wept. It was the culmination of this 'That's my boy' feeling. I hadn't sworn in at that point, and it was though divine providence was sending me a message saying, 'This is the right thing to do.'"

After swearing in, Tom re-

membered he suddenly had more than one family. Both father and son now shared two common bonds.

"I know the Air Force family," Tom said. "I know that everyone takes care of each other. As a father, that's very comforting to me. I remember being in Ben's situation – not knowing what I was doing. But, people made me feel comfortable. As a parent, you're always worried about your kids, no matter how old they are. But, I know for a fact, he's in good hands."

(Courtesy AETCNS)

## Work needed on defense capabilities initiative

If NATO received a report card on the Defense Capabilities Initiative, the teacher comments might read, "Decent progress. Must try harder."

That's the evaluation NATO officials are giving the alliance in meeting the goals of the initiative designed to build new capabilities or increase existing ones. NATO leaders agreed to the DCI during the 1999 Washington Summit.

Just over half of the defense requirements listed under the DCI have been met, NATO officials said. "This has led to significant improvements in our defense assets and in our ability to carry out the missions, but we're still falling short of those goals," the official said.

The DCI had been under discussion before Operation Allied Force. However, the shortcomings exposed during the campaign gave the initiative more impetus. "Post-Kosovo people are taking the DCI much more seriously," officials said.

NATO has considered a plan of what needs to be done and what the gaps are. NATO allies must

provide more airlift and sealift. They must buy more precision-guided munitions.

Officials pointed to a series of projects. They said the British are buying roll-on, roll-off ships and other amphibious assets. The British also are leasing C-17 transport aircraft. Many countries are buying Airbus A-400M transport aircraft. Six NATO nations are working together on the F-16 project. They are modernizing the aircraft and its suite of weapons. The Dutch are working with the Germans on airlift.

NATO officials said European NATO members plan increases in defense spending this year. They said even the nations that are not spending more "are doing more in the form of restructuring and reforms. [They are] modernizing forces to deal with this century's missions rather than the missions applicable to the Cold War."

George Robertson, NATO secretary general, is sending a letter on the Initiative to the member nations so they can evaluate their progress.

(Courtesy Defense Link)

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personal experience, writings and case examples of effective leadership in action as many of today’s leaders have. He relied primarily on his relationship with and faith in God, the team he built, and lessons he learned from first-hand experience to accomplish the tremendous task of freeing over two million of his people from Egypt and leading them across the desert for 40 years to realize the vision of reaching the Promised Land. Through God’s power, he epitomized enduring leadership principles and characteristics which can be applied by today’s leaders to realize the vision, accomplish the mission, and achieve unfathomable success.

**Author’s note:** This article is based on a research paper I prepared and presented while attending Air War College. If you would like the full text of the paper including bibliography, please e-mail me at [\*yancey.walker@laughlin.af.mil\*](mailto:yancey.walker@laughlin.af.mil)

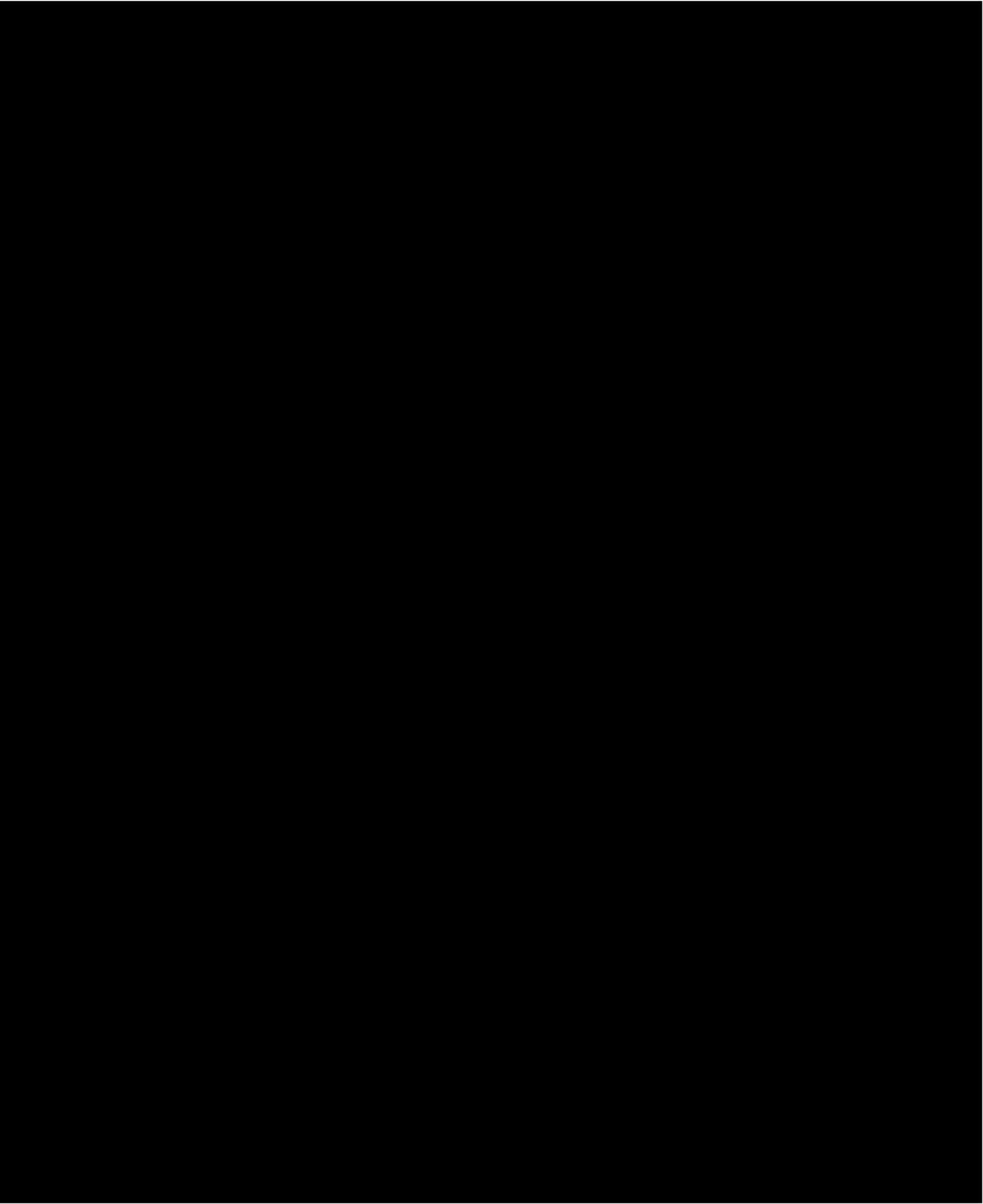
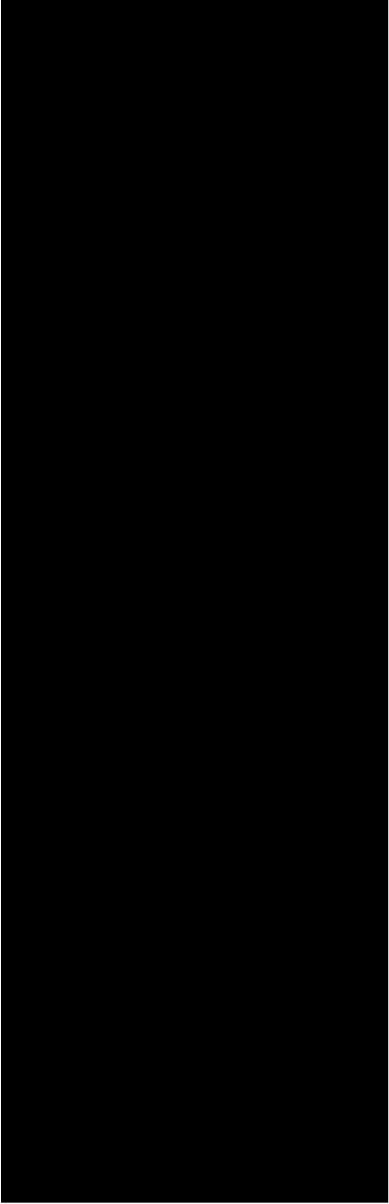
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the National Mail Order Pharmacy.

The Tricare Senior Prime Demonstration Project will be extended by an additional year. At the end of that time, the option is open to negotiate with the Health Care Financing Agency

to permanently continue the program. To ensure adequate funding for health benefits for military seniors, an accrual financing system will be in place by Oct. 1, 2002. Similar to how we currently fund retirement benefits, this account within the Treasury

Department will be dedicated solely to funding health care for military seniors. The annual budget process will not affect senior health care funding. Great strides were made this year through legislation to provide our military seniors with an appropriate health care benefit.

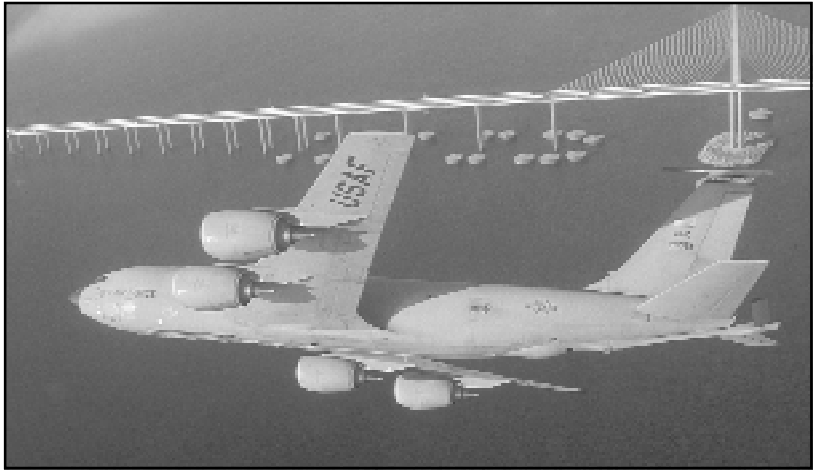
Now our challenge is to make the legislation a reality. The Air Force’s commitment to our seniors will not waiver. We are determined to provide a health care system that is easy to access, offers excellent health care, and brings peace of mind to our retirees.



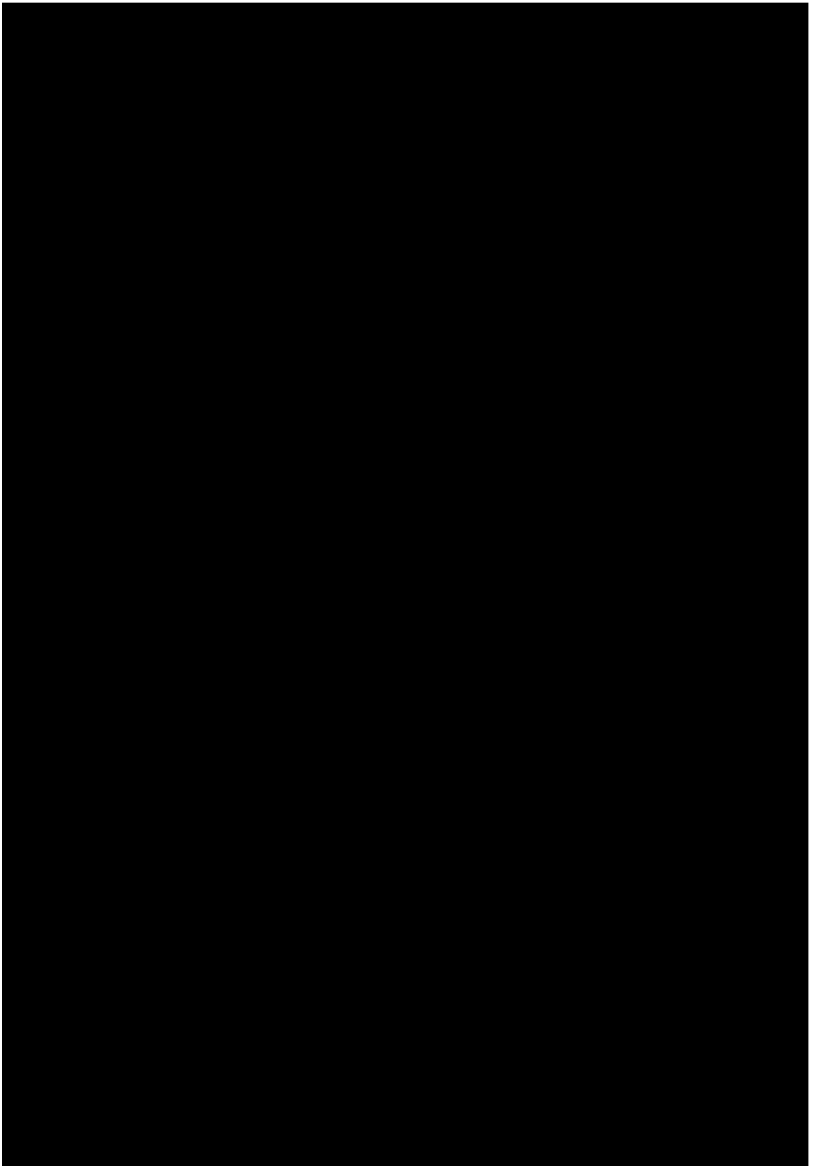
# Where are they now?

**Name:** Maj. Jim Crutchfield.  
**Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 89-05, Feb. 11, 1989.  
**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** KC-135R, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.  
**Mission of your aircraft?** Force multiplier by in-flight refueling.  
**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** The performance.  
**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** Old seat cushions. Some things never change.

**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** People and attitude make the difference.  
**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** My entire time as a T-37 F.A.I.P turning pedestrians into pilots was very rewarding and a good “on the go, request closed” pull-up was always fun!  
**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Give all that you’ve got every day. Do this because people notice!

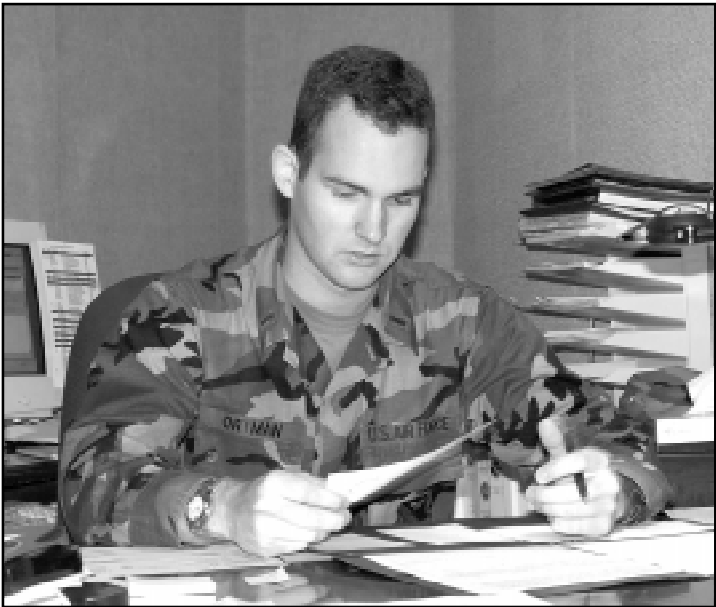


(U.S. Air Force photo of a KC-135)



## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Frankfurt, Germany.  
**Family:** Sisters, Teresa and Christina.  
**Time at Laughlin:** 18 months.  
**Time in service:** 18 months.  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** Move San Antonio 150 miles west!  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Somehow convincing the admissions office at Notre Dame to let me go to college there.  
**Bad habit:** Forgetting people’s names.  
**Motto:** It’s all good.  
**Favorite beverage:** Sam Adams.  
**Favorite food:** Pizza.  
**Hobbies:** Eating, sleeping, hiking.  
**If you could spend one hour with any historical figure, who would it be and why?** Abraham Lincoln. He’s always been an inspiring per-



**2nd Lt. Stephan Ortman**  
47th Operations Group

son to me because he over- and achieved monumental  
came so many obstacles goals in his life.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Work in progress

Construction workers raise the catwalk portion for the new control tower. The cab steel will go on top of it and lay the foundation for the cab portion where the air traffic controllers will actually work . The cab construction is scheduled for Monday. The new tower exceeds ten stories.

# Education tops shopping list

By Bonnie Powell  
Fort Lee, Va.

The focus is on education this fall at the Defense Commissary Agency. A new program offers a scholarship of \$1,500 or more to a college-bound military child at installations served by a commissary. More than one scholarship may be awarded at larger stores. DeCA operates nearly 290 commissaries worldwide.

The Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships For Military Children is a high priority with DeCA Director, Major Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr.

"The program will enhance our local commissaries as important quality of life benefactors for military families," Courter said. "Our stores will be able to increase their impact by providing educational opportunities for the children of our military communities."

"The commissary system has long supported promotions with a focus on education," the general continued. "This program complements, and should not impact, existing local or regional scholarship programs that are awarded through installation activities, organizations affiliated with the military community, or scholarships funded by a particular vendor at a particular commissary."

Many of the manufacturers and distributors who sell products through the commissary system are enthusiastically supporting the new scholarship program with their donations.

Students who are interested in applying for the scholarships can stop by their local commissary to pick up an application starting Dec. 1. Completed applications must be returned to the commissary prior to Feb. 15, where a store official will validate it by checking the student's or sponsor's ID. Applications will also be available for download from the DeCA website at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders to include active duty, retirees, and guard/reserves. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average to qualify and write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Students currently attending college may also be eligible to apply. Scholarships offered for 2001 will be at least \$1,500 per commissary. Recipients will be notified by April 30.

Fisher House Foundation will administer the scholarship program and accept all industry donations earmarked for "Defense Commissary

Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children." The foundation also has retained an independent contractor to screen the scholarship applications. Well known for building and operating 26 comfort houses near military medical facilities, Fisher Houses offer a "home away from home" to military families who want to stay near loved ones during a medical crisis.

"Fisher House Foundation is delighted to join DeCA and its suppliers in providing scholarships for military family members," said Arnold Fisher, Chairman of Fisher House Foundation and nephew of its founder, Zachary Fisher. "The scholarship program is a natural extension to our ever-growing net-

work of Fisher Houses at major military medical centers. It's the type of endeavor my uncle had in mind when he set up a charitable foundation to help meet the needs of servicemen and women and their families."

Commissaries have a long tradition of supporting the military community through good will programs such as vendor-sponsored educational and charitable promotions, cooperative efforts with community quality of life programs, and employee involvement in a wide range of installation activities.

Ongoing programs supported include scholarships, military cooking schools, a touring theatrical production, and canine assistants for the disabled.

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**-Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, Jr.**  
DeCa director

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

-Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.  
-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.  
-Confession by appointment.  
-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.  
-CCD 11 a.m., Religious Education Building.  
-Little Rock Scripture Study 11 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Fellowship Hall.  
**Jewish**  
Max Stool, call 775-4519.  
**Muslim**  
Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200.

### Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.  
- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel.  
**Student Wives Fellowship**  
7-9 p.m. Monday; call 298-7365.  
-Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Bldg.  
-Choir, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Chapel  
**Chapel Youth Group**  
-Sunday, 5 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall

### Chaplains

Maj. C. Jeffery Swanson  
Maj. Frank Hamilton  
Capt. Larry Bailey  
Capt. Richard Black

### Chaplains' Assistants

Tech Sgt. Donald Williams  
Senior Airman Diana Beauvais  
Airman 1st Class  
Christina Deutsch

*"God loves you and we do too."*

*For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.*

# Medical TDY orders policy revised

The base Tricare Flight has revised the policy on medical temporary duty assignment orders for active-duty servicemembers.

Effective immediately, all medical TDY requests must be filled out at least seven duty days prior to the patient's appointment date, or the same day the patient receives notification of the appointment date.

For more information, call the Tricare Flight at 6304.

When the patient fails to fill out a medical TDY request form during the specified time period, the military member will not be put on official TDY status, and will not receive reimbursement.

The only exception to this policy is a person with an emergency appointment. In this case, the mem-

ber must request TDY orders within two duty days from the time he or she returns from the appointment, in order to receive reimbursement.

Verbal orders are only authorized when time or error prevents written orders from being published in advance.

Therefore, confirmatory orders are issued only in extreme circumstances.

## Question of the week

### What is your favorite family holiday tradition?



"Sitting around and watching National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."

**1st Lt. Liz Greenfield**  
*47th Flying Training Wing*



"Every single year on Dec. 10 (my birthday) we put up Christmas lights."

**Senior Airman Sandra Williams**  
*47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron*



"Going to midnight mass."

**Airman 1st Class Greg Garza**  
*XL Fitness Center*



"Spending time with my kids."

**Billy McDonald**  
*Civilian*



## From the Blotter

(Nov. 26–Dec. 3)



■ Security forces members discovered a hole in the perimeter fence while on routine patrol. After an extensive search, the area was declared secure and a repair work order was initiated.

■ Two government vehicles collided into each other when one of the drivers failed to see the second vehicle traveling north on Liberty Dr. Damage consisted of a torn front fender, broken headlight and cracked windshield on one car and a dent to the door of the other.

■ The law enforcement desk received a call from an individual reporting damage to her minivan.

■ An individual reported \$40 missing from his Temporary Lodging Facility room. The individual stated he left the room locked, but

found it unlocked when he returned.

■ Three alarm activations were received. The reason for two of the alarms was determined to be malfunction. Human error caused the third.

**Tip of the day:** Exercise extreme care while driving in the housing areas. This is extremely important in the mornings and afternoons as children wait for the school buses or return from school. Please ensure you drive slowly and defensively, children may run into the street without warning.

Children should be reminded of how to properly cross the street and to not run around the bus stops. Also, bright clothes or coats are safer than dark materials.



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Laughlin's NFL: Gridiron Gurus								Week 14	
PLAYERS	Bruce Bond	Diane Bond	Eric Gonzales	Michael Houston	David Isbell	Lavelle Jenkins	Eric Linneman	Amanda Stewart	Chad Workman
LAST WEEK SCORE	10	11	11	9	11	11	11	12	
OVERALL SCORE	90	84	77	83	73	81	90	81	
DETROIT@MINNESOTA	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	
ARIZONA@CINCINNATI	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	ARI	
DALLAS@TAMPA BAY	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	
DENVER@NEW ORLEANS	N.O.	N.O.	DEN	DEN	N.O.	DEN	N.O.	N.O.	
MIAMI@BUFFALO	MIA	MIA	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	MA	BUF	
NEW YORK GIANTS@WASHINGTON	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	
OAKLAND@PITTSBURGH	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	PIT	OAK	OAK	
ST. LOUIS@CAROLINA	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	
SEATTLE@ATLANTA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	ATL	SEA	
TENNESSEE@PHILADELPHIA	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	PHI	
SAN FRANCISCO@SAN DIEGO	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	S.D.	S.F.	
INDIANAPOLIS@NEW YORK JETS	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	IND	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	
CLEVELAND@JACKSONVILLE	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	JAX	
GREEN BAY@CHICAGO	G.B.	G.B.	CHI	CHI	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	G.B.	
KANSAS CITY@NEW ENGLAND	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	

# Air Force hoopsters win basketball crown

By 2nd Lt. Celeste Rodriguez  
*Charleston AFB, S.C.*

The Defense Department's top basketball talent exchanged combat boots for court shoes as the Air Force unseated the defending champion Marines 71-59 in the 2000 Armed Forces Basketball Tournament.

Charleston AFB was host to the services' all-stars in the fast-paced Nov. 15 to 17 tournament.

Emerging victorious with a 5-1 record, Air Force head coach Don Fellers led an experienced team with impressive talent spread across the entire roster. Co-Captain Edward Simpson of Keesler AFB, Miss., personified the team's patient, calculating demeanor and led the team with a six-game total of 81 points and 40 rebounds.

The Army team arrived with a mission not only to seek gold but to regain respect befitting a squad that took silver in 1997 and tournament gold in 1998 — before plunging to the cellar last year 0-6. The team had a tough start, losing their first three games. The soldiers redeemed themselves in their fourth match, however, by handing the undefeated Air Force a surprise 68-58 loss.

With momentum from that crucial victory, Army played out with a three-game win streak, squeaking past the Marines and then drubbing Navy, 76-64. The Army and Marines finished tied at 3-3, but the Marines took second place on the strength of a six-point scoring lead in their two games against the soldiers.

Navy's 1-5 finish doesn't do justice to the team's impressive play. Navy's consistent drives, solid screens and tight "hands up" defense forced opponents to earn every point. On the offense, Jeffery Jones, Naval Air Station Atlanta, and Marcellus Anderson of Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., pushed defenders to the limit. Once within striking distance, the two made crucial shots and rebounds look easy.

The tournament's end called for a new beginning as top performers from the four teams were named to the all-armed forces team representing the United States Dec. 3-10 in the annual North Atlantic Treaty Organization tournament in Belgium. The entire coaching staff hails from the Air Force. The team will be looking for a comeback — the Americans won in 1997 and 1998, but fell to 5th last year.

# Intramural Flag Football Standings

AFC TEAMS	WIN	LOSS	RECORD CONFERENCE/NONCONFERENCE	POINTS FOR/AGAINST
47 OSS	7	0	5-0/2-0	91/15
MDG	6	3	2-2/4-1	86/32
EAST	5	3	2-1/3-2	75/60
47 MSS	5	4	2-2/3-2	120/54
84/85 Tweets	4	4	2-2/2-2	54/147
LCSAM	1	6	0-4/1-2	26/96
NFC TEAMS	WIN	LOSS	RECORD CONFERENCE/NONCONFERENCE	POINTS FOR/AGAINST
LSI JETS	8	0	6-0/2-0	157/25
87 TALONS	6	2	3-1/3-1	87/51
47 CES	5	3	3-2/2-1	79/69
86 RIOS LOBOS	3	5	3-2/0-3	63/96
COM/CONS/SVS	1	8	1-4/0-4	46/109
47 SFS	0	10	0-5/0-5	26/151

# XL Fitness Center hours

Monday – Thursday	5 a.m. to Midnight
Friday	5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, and Goal Days	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Christmas, New Years Day	Closed

## Laughlin history

Q: Is the following statement true or false? Prior to 1968, the wing had two pilot training squadrons and each conducted training in both T-37 and T-38 aircraft.

The correct answer is ... (True). A test conducted at Reese AFB in 1967 indicated that separate squadrons would yield many benefits, such as improved scheduling, uniform grading practices and more efficient use of resources and instructors. In addition, there would no longer be a need to dual-qualify supervisory personnel. In mid-68, Laughlin reorganized into a single phase-pilot training squadron concept.

## Santa's mailbag

Eielson AFB is once again hosting Santa's Mailbag, a holiday program that allows kids around the world to receive a "letter from Santa Claus" postmarked North Pole, Alaska. Complete information can be found at [www.eielson.af.mil/NEWS/](http://www.eielson.af.mil/NEWS/).

## Finance seminar

A financial planning professional will be visiting Laughlin Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Operations Training Complex to discuss financial planning. The purpose of this presentation is to explain the different options and financial vehicles to begin managing your finances. All enlisted members and their spouses are cordially invited to attend the presentation. It will take approximately one hour with a question and answer session following. All supervisors are encouraged to attend and to allow your enlisted members to attend as well.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Hall at 5736.

## Leave donations

Jorge A. Espino, 47th Operations Group, is in need of annual leave donations. Due to a medical emergency, he must be away from work for an extended period of time.

Annual leave donations are also being requested for Daniel Anderson, Medical Administrative officer, 934 Operations Group, Minneapolis ARB, Minn. He has been approved as an annual leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.

Anderson recently had surgery for stomach cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy and other medical care. He will soon exhaust his personal annual and sick leave. He is requesting donated annual leave to help cover his absences for his continuing medical treatment and care. Anderson, an Air Reserve Techni-

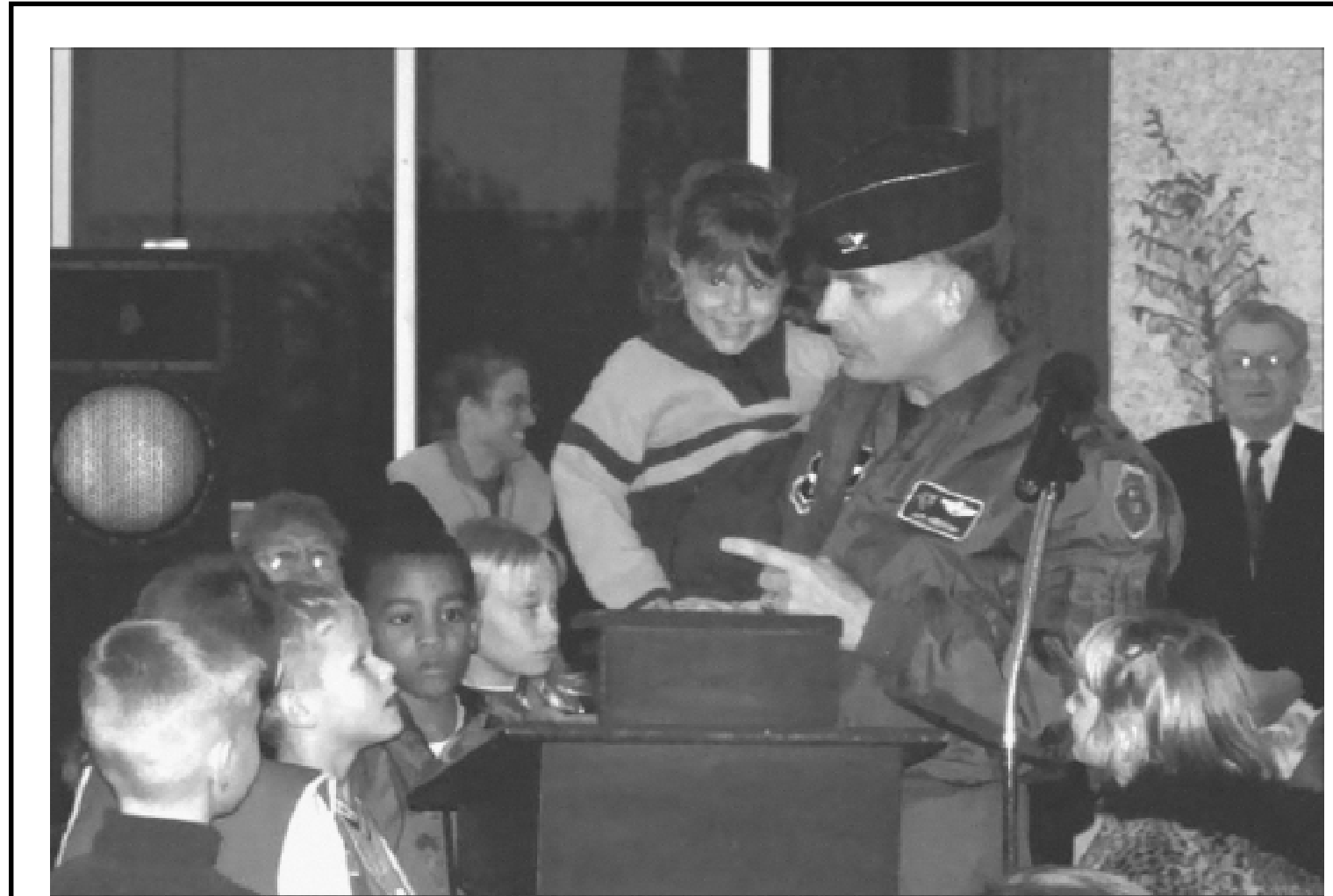


Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## 'Tis the season

Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, talks to children about Santa Clause prior to using their help in counting down to the tree lighting time during a tree lighting ceremony at the Base Chapel Wednesday.

cian major, is continuing his work as his personal health allows.

If you wish to donate annual leave, call Carlos H. Trevino at 5375.

## Golf tournament

The Laughlin Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at The Leaning Pine Golf Course. The tournament is a four-man, best ball scramble. The entry fee is \$25 and includes complimentary breakfast, lunch and beverages. Green fees and cart are not included.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. Proceeds from the event will go to support Operation Jingle, the Amistad Pregnancy Care Center and the Laughlin Top 3.

To register, or for more information, call Master Sgt. Timothy Griffin at 4376 or Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Polillo at 5812. People interested must register by Wednesday to participate.

## Environmental facts

AFI 32-1053 requires the Entomology Shop to provide the fire department with a hard copy of installation pesticide inventories and MSDSs on a quarterly basis.

Certification records for previous workers who operated ODC recycling

and recovery equipment must be kept for 3 years from the day personnel depart the work center.

Shops may procure only those hazardous materials included on their Authorized User List.

## College registrations

The Laughlin Education Office will host the Sul Ross State University registration for the spring semester from 11 a.m. to noon, Jan. 17.

For more information, call 5529.

## Awards luncheon

A Quarterly Awards Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20 at Club XL. Tickets are currently on sale. All nominees and squadron commanders should RSVP to 4295. All others, see first sergeants to sign pro rata. The last day to purchase tickets is Thursday.

For more information, call 5889.

## Holiday bingo

The Officers' Spouses' Club will host its annual Holiday Bingo Night Tuesday at Club XL. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. This is a member's night and features an OSC hosted potato and salad bar with all the fixings.

Members are welcome to bring a

friend to join the OSC.

For reservations or information, please call Angela O'Connell (A-L) at 298-7081; Jackie Oberdieck (M-Z) at 298-7201.

## Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Operation Dominant Chronicle. This is a 90-day TDY for E-6 and below who are Spanish proficient. Duties include translation of records from various Latin American countries. Augmentees will be working in an office environment. Additional details will be provided upon selection for TDY.

For more information, call customer service at 5277.

## Student sponsors

The overall objective of the Del Rio Sponsor Program at Laughlin is to make international students feel welcome while undergoing their training.

Ambassadors can be anyone who is acquainted with the students' country and language or anyone who has a sincere interest in the purpose of the program. Anyone who enjoys working with international students or has the ability to provide a short term volunteer obligation to our students is welcome.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, please call 2nd Lt. Blane Morgan at 298-5445.